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 1953 Soviet newspapers, on agriculture in 12 of the union republics
 of the USSR. Progress and statistical data are given on the follow-
 ing: sown area, crops, mechanization, and fertilization.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Karelo-Finnish SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan
 for repair of tractors and agricultural machinery in MTS, LMS (meadow improve-
 ment stations), and sovkhozes of the republic:

Okrug	15 Apr (1)	20 Apr (2)			
	Tractors	Tractors	Plows	Seeders	Cultivators
MTS and LMS					
Petrozavodskiy	94	95	93	104	90
Segezhskiy	88	91	87	88	50
Republic as whole	93	94	91	101	81
Sovkhozes of republic	97	99	95	116	105

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for spring
 plowing and sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

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Oblast	Spring All		Perennial Grasses		Supplemental Fertilization	
	Flowing	Crops	under Cover	Crop	Winter Crops	Perennial Grasses
15 Apr (3)						
Pyarnuskaya	7.2	0.3	1.2		24.0	31.0
Tallinskaya	4.0	0.04	0.2		20.0	23.0
Tartuskaya	6.6	0.2	3.0		23.0	21.0
20 Apr (4)						
Pyarnuskaya	21.0	2.5	6.0		43.0	41.0
Tallinskaya	16.0	0.4	1.4		37.0	34.0
Tartuskaya	20.0	2.1	6.0		40.0	29.0

Latvian SSR

Spring came to the republic exceptionally early in 1953. The snow melted considerably faster than in other years. The soil warmed up and dried out quickly. Winter crops and grasses had resumed growth by 15 April.

Under such circumstances, there should be no delay in preparing the soil and beginning to sow spring crops. Mid-April is the best time for sowing spring grain crops, perennial grasses, flax, and green crops for the grazing of cattle. According to the data of scientific research institutions of the republic gathered over many years, spring grain crops sown early (in April) have a great advantage over crops sown at the intermediate time (in May). Oats sown in April yield 20-30 percent more than oats sown in May. Barley sown early yields 2.5 quintals more per hectare than barley sown at the intermediate time, and 6 quintals more than barley sown very late. Peas sown early yield about 5 quintals more than peas sown at the intermediate time. Delay in sowing peas has a distinct reductive effect on the harvest.

Flax is also a crops which requires early sowing. Flax sown in April is less susceptible to fungus diseases and insects than flax sown later, and produces better quality fiber. Expert flax growers always sow flax early, since flax sprouts can withstand 4-degree below zero frost.(5)

Belorussian SSR

In 1953, the area devoted to sugar beets in kolkhozes of the republic is being expanded by 4,000 hectares.(6)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of tractors and combines in MTS of the republic and of the 1953 plan for application of local fertilizers (manure and peat) to kolkhoz fields of the republic:

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Oblast	15 Apr (7)		20 Apr (8)	
	Tractors	Combines	Mamre	Peat
Baranovichskaya	98.3	12.7	81.5	92.2
Bobruyskaya	92.2	16.0	52.1	50.2
Brestskaya	91.8	13.1	85.5	34.3
Gomel'skaya	92.4	19.0	46.6	46.1
Grodenskaya	93.3	23.8	85.5	65.3
Minskaya	89.4	12.6	50.4	36.5
Mogilevskaya	93.2	10.9	42.5	9.3
Molodechnenskaya	92.1	6.9	73.1	89.2
Pinskaya	90.6	11.5	73.4	23.8
Poleskaya	95.2	12.8	55.1	28.4
Polotskaya	85.8	16.7	57.4	31.9
Vitebskaya	85.2	9.7	36.2	5.8

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for supplemental fertilization and harrowing of crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

Oblast	15 Apr (7)				20 Apr (8)			
	Supplemental Fertilization		Harrowing		Supplemental Fertilization		Harrowing	
	Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses	
	Winter of Former Crops	Years	Winter of Former Crops	Years	Winter of Former Crops	Years	Winter of Former Crops	Years
	Crops	Years	Crops	Years	Crops	Years	Crops	Years
Baranovichskaya	80.8	3.4	17.4	13.2	91.1	3.7	24.1	15.7
Bobruyskaya	92.6	10.2	30.3	5.4	103.6	12.8	45.8	9.3
Brestskaya	139.3	8.3	23.0	9.8	143.8	11.2	25.1	12.8
Gomel'skaya	123.8	8.7	29.2	9.0	126.4	10.9	35.8	10.4
Grodenskaya	83.6	9.0	17.7	14.5	86.2	9.8	20.7	16.7
Minskaya	91.2	3.7	11.5	3.3	101.0	4.6	20.1	6.1
Mogilevskaya	64.2	1.5	4.5	1.0	85.0	2.9	10.4	2.6
Molodechnenskaya	84.0	3.9	6.1	3.0	99.6	5.3	9.1	5.9
Pinskaya	117.5	5.5	18.3	4.9	119.2	5.2	20.1	5.1
Poleskaya	133.8	21.5	39.4	3.4	136.2	21.5	42.6	3.5
Polotskaya	111.6	0.8	3.5	1.6	130.9	1.3	9.6	2.6
Vitebskaya	72.0	1.4	1.8	0.7	86.8	2.4	6.0	1.9

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

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Oblast							
	All Crops	Early Spiked Grain Crops	Spring Wheat	Lupine and Serradella	Fiber Flax	Pota- toes	Sugar Beets
							Perennial Grasses under Cover Crop
<u>15 Apr (7)</u>							
Baranovichskaya		24.2	26.6				19.4
Bobruyskaya		11.6	15.3				5.5
Brestskaya		79.8	83.0				22.9
Gomel'skaya		21.1	20.6				31.4
Grodzenskaya		46.5	71.8				16.5
Minskaya		8.3	7.6				3.3
Mogilevskaya		0.3	0.2				11.5
Molodechnenskaya		4.0	2.6				11.3
Pinskaya		69.5	65.9				56.6
Poleskaya		59.0	59.3				58.3
Polotskaya		2.1	2.0				12.9
Vitebskaya		--	--				8.3

20 Apr (8)

Baranovichskaya	50.3	61.1	14.5				27.0
Bobruyskaya	31.7	44.2	33.4				8.4
Brestskaya	104.7	109.3	25.5				35.3
Gomel'skaya	48.9	51.6	30.8				33.4
Grodzenskaya	82.2	100.8	27.1				31.2
Minskaya	28.6	30.9	54.1				6.7
Mogilevskaya	2.2	1.3	30.5				14.6
Molodechnenskaya	16.2	18.0	26.5				14.7
Pinskaya	89.0	91.7	46.2				65.4
Poleskaya	83.7	85.9	42.9				64.9
Polotskaya	11.2	14.9	7.3				17.0
Vitebskaya	1.9	1.6	1.3				11.2

25 Apr (9)

Baranovichskaya	39.2	76.5	95.6	31.4	14.1	3.5	12.6	37.9
Bobruyskaya	30.1	58.6	72.9	51.6	14.5	11.7	--	16.5
Brestskaya	54.9	109.6	116.9	41.1	30.6	17.1	--	45.8
Gomel'skaya	28.9	68.4	72.5	45.0	0.8	7.8	--	37.6
Grodzenskaya	53.7	102.3	116.5	48.7	7.4	3.5	63.8	48.2
Minskaya	33.8	56.7	67.4	79.6	3.5	13.7	--	11.7
Mogilevskaya	3.3	4.6	3.4	46.2	0.2	0.7	--	16.1
Molodechnenskaya	23.4	42.4	55.0	47.0	2.0	1.3	--	23.0
Pinskaya	54.0	100.2	103.1	55.2	51.1	34.1	--	74.9
Poleskaya	39.0	94.7	95.5	49.7	20.7	18.6	--	69.9
Polotskaya	18.7	31.1	46.1	10.8	2.5	1.4	--	18.6
Vitebskaya	4.8	7.6	9.7	3.9	0.6	0.4	--	13.1

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Ukranian SSR

In 1952, kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic delivered 31 million more quintals of sugar beets to the sugar factories than in 1940. Kolkhozes of Odesskaya Oblast grew and delivered to the state an average yield of 237 quintals per hectare, 51 quintals more than called for by plan. Many kolkhozes and rayons of Odesskaya, Kirovogradskaya, Poltavskaya, Chernovitskaya, and Vinnitskaya oblasts exceeded the yield goal set by the directives on the Fifth Five-Year Plan for the last year of the plan period. In some rayons and kolkhozes, particularly of Kamenets-Podol'skaya, Ternopol'skaya, and Zhitomirskaya oblasts, the 1952 sugar beet harvest was smaller than in previous years. The excuse that the weather was unfavorable, made by the heads of some MTS and kolkhozes, was not valid, since neighboring kolkhozes achieved high yields. The real reason for lower harvests was the fact that beets were not sown and cared for at the proper times.

By 17 April of this year, sowing of sugar beets was in full swing in the republic. Kolkhozes of Chernovitskaya Oblast had completed sowing, almost 15 days earlier than in 1952. Kolkhozes of Volynskaya Oblast had finished sowing of early spring crops by 17 April, 15 days earlier than in 1952. The plan for sowing of spring wheat was exceeded.(10)

As of 15 April, sugar beets were being sown in 15 oblasts of the republic; sowing of early spiked grain crops had been completed in Izmail'skaya, L'vovskaya, Nikolayevskaya, Odesskaya, Rovenskaya, and Chernovitskaya oblasts; kolkhozes and sovkhoses had completed sowing of sunflower in Zakarpatskaya, Izmail'skaya, and Khersonskaya oblasts; supplemental fertilization had been carried out on 200,000 hectares in Zaporozhskaya, Nikolayevskaya, Khersonskaya, and other oblasts, by the Civil Air Fleet. In 1953, planes will be used to perform 30 types of work.(11)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>All</u>		<u>Spiked</u>	<u>Sugar</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Root</u>	<u>Ensilage</u>	<u>Perennial Grasses</u>
	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Beets</u>	<u>Grasses</u>	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Crops</u>	<u>under Cover Crop</u>
<u>15 Apr (10)</u>								
Chernigovskaya	6.4	18.2			7.1			44.7
Chernovitskaya	57.5	94.2*			68.3			96.0
Dnepropetrovskaya	38.7	96.8			34.3			78.0
Drogobychskaya	44.9	90.5			32.7			37.1
Izmail'skaya	61.1	103.4			66.9			--
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	64.9	97.0*			81.7			70.3
Khar'kovskaya	12.0	25.1			29.4			6.3
Khersonskaya	56.4	101.3			62.8			64.0
Kievskaya	34.7	82.7			63.4			70.9
Kirovogradskaya	45.6	100.2			83.2			51.9
L'vovskaya	52.7	106.9			55.0			50.7
Nikolayevskaya	65.2	99.5			82.9			44.0
Odesskaya	50.7	102.6			62.2			77.0
Poltavskaya	11.3	25.1			46.0			13.5
Rovenskaya	56.8	100.7			49.0			57.9
Stalinskaya	39.7	92.9			28.6			22.7
Stanislavskaya	54.8	96.3			83.3			87.5
Sumskaya	3.1	8.1			7.6			32.6
Ternopol'skaya	55.3	103.8			74.4			60.7
Vinnitskaya	51.6	91.2			96.8			74.5
Volynskaya	50.5	94.7*			45.6			59.0
Voroshilovgradskaya	5.6	15.6			8.6			3.3
Zakarpatskaya	64.7	101.4			104.6			101.7
Zaporozhskaya	56.0	99.2			53.2			52.0
Zhitomirskaya	30.3	67.2			37.7			57.4
Republic as whole	38.1	74.3			51.9			51.8

20 Apr (12)

Chernigovskaya	17.1	49.9	0.4	17.4	3.3	7.3	54.9
Chernovitskaya	64.6	94.5*	100.0	83.3	82.0	14.0	102.0
Dnepropetrovskaya	47.1	101.1	76.0	49.4	57.4	11.9	100.0
Drogobychskaya	54.1	98.8	66.7	44.5	12.0	10.0	42.1
Izmail'skaya	74.5	103.4	--	73.2	73.8	75.7	--
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	72.6	99.3*	98.7	92.3	64.4	35.0	77.9
Khar'kovskaya	32.3	71.2	18.5	48.0	10.5	10.6	37.0
Khersonskaya	64.9	101.3	--	77.0	57.6	61.5	66.0
Kievskaya	48.1	94.4	41.4	75.5	7.7	11.7	85.2
Kirovogradskaya	57.0	101.0	76.9	94.3	38.7	28.3	68.4
L'vovskaya	61.0	108.9	80.0	68.8	27.5	12.9	58.0
Nikolayevskaya	69.9	101.0	100.0	91.5	85.6	48.1	58.0
Odesskaya	55.9	102.6	99.4	73.7	83.6	30.3	96.0
Poltavskaya	27.3	67.3	5.3	63.3	8.6	6.1	41.0
Rovenskaya	68.5	101.6	100.0	69.0	27.7	12.5	63.8
Stalinskaya	48.9	101.1	--	39.7	76.5	20.0	39.3
Stanislavskaya	62.7	99.3*	99.4	98.9	52.3	25.0	91.5
Sumskaya	13.5	41.3	--	18.2	0.5	3.6	53.8
Ternopol'skaya	64.4	105.4	101.2	91.2	66.0	38.3	63.0
Vinnitskaya	60.6	96.1	61.8	112.2	30.0	18.0	83.2
Volynskaya	60.0	97.0*	104.0	70.0	21.0	11.7	61.0
Voroshilovgradskaya	20.5	57.8	10.0	21.1	18.1	11.5	14.7
Zakarpatskaya	79.7	104.7	--	113.8	77.1	57.1	104.2
Zaporozhskaya	64.1	100.2	--	74.4	84.4	40.9	57.3
Zhitomirskaya	40.3	80.3	61.3	49.7	17.6	16.9	61.9
Republic as whole	48.9	87.9	52.5	65.5	42.5	27.4	65.6

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* Sowing of spiked grain crops completed; remaining portion of plan figure is accounted for by winter spiked grain crops sown in excess of plan during the fall of 1952.

Moldavian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for spring plowing and harrowing of winter crops, as of 15 April (13):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Harrowing</u>	<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Harrowing</u>
Bel'tskiy	63.1	89.7	Kishinevskiy	70.3	91.9
Kagul'skiy	73.1	91.8	Tiraspol'skiy	80.6	100.0

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>All Crops</u>	<u>Grains and Legumes</u>	<u>Maize</u>	<u>Sugar Beets</u>	<u>Sun. flowers</u>	<u>Fodder Root Crops</u>	<u>Annual Grasses</u>	<u>Soy-beans</u>	<u>Ensilage Crops</u>
<u>15 Apr (13)</u>									
Bel'tskiy	42.9	23.0	3.2	95.5	93.1	62.6	50.8		
Kagul'skiy	64.0	50.8	40.4	--	100.3	34.3	92.1		
Kishinevskiy	49.2	33.9	12.8	96.5	99.0	67.7	62.3		
Tiraspol'skiy	70.9	65.7	58.6	--	100.3	78.1	78.4		
<u>20 Apr (14)</u>									
Bel'tskiy	54.5	33.5	16.8			77.0	100.6	19.4	43.2
Kagul'skiy	76.4	69.2	64.9			46.5	105.1	--	47.7
Kishinevskiy	60.1	51.5	35.9			81.7	68.9	28.2	20.4
Tiraspol'skiy	79.9	80.9	81.3			84.7	79.6	--	45.6
<u>25 Apr (15)</u>									
Bel'tskiy	75.0	68.5	61.0			91.9	102.3	58.3	66.0
Kagul'skiy	87.0	83.8	83.9			68.7	116.1	--	61.6
Kishinevskiy	73.9	72.5	62.8			91.1	87.4	51.5	37.5
Tiraspol'skiy	87.2	90.9	95.9			100.0	87.1	--	61.0

Azerbaijani SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>14 Apr(16)</u>	<u>15 Apr(17)</u>	<u>16 Apr(18)</u>	<u>17 Apr(19)</u>	<u>19 Apr(20)</u>	<u>20 Apr(21)</u>
Bakinskaya	56.4	62.0	68.3			
Gyendzhinskaya	70.2	74.6	79.9			
Nagorno-Karabakhskaya						
Avtonomnaya	68.1	75.9	83.1			
Nakhichevanskaya ASSR	40.1	43.2	43.2			
Kolkhozes of republic				79.2	87.4	90.4
Sovkhozes of republic	36.8	41.3	49.2	56.5	71.7	78.4
Republic as whole	62.3	67.1	72.7	78.4	86.9	90.0

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Uzbek SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Apr (22)</u>	<u>16 Apr (23)</u>	<u>17 Apr (24)</u>	<u>18 Apr (25)</u>
Andizhanskaya	89.3	91.8	94.3	96.0
Bukharskaya	90.6	93.1	94.8	95.9
Ferganskaya	82.4	86.4	89.1	91.8
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	31.7	36.5	41.5	46.2
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	75.2	79.1	86.6	93.4
Khorezmskaya	41.0	45.4	49.7	54.0
Namanganskaya	81.8	86.6	90.9	94.8
Samar kandskaya	61.5	66.2	73.0	79.3
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	97.9	100.0	101.3	102.9
Tashkent skaya	84.7	89.0	92.2	95.0
Sovkhozoes of republic	100.0	101.1	102.4	103.2
	<u>20 Apr (26)</u>	<u>21 Apr (27)</u>	<u>22 Apr (28)</u>	
Andizhanskaya	97.8	98.5	99.0	
Bukharskaya	97.3	98.1	98.6	
Ferganskaya	95.7	96.9	98.0	
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	55.1	59.5	63.8	
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	100.7	100.7	101.1	
Khorezmskaya	62.7	67.1	71.3	
Namanganskaya	98.3	100.0	100.2	
Samar kandskaya	90.1	94.1	97.3	
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	103.1	103.1	103.2	
Tashkent skaya	98.1	98.8	99.1	
Sovkhozoes of republic	104.0	104.7	105.2	

Kolkhozoes of more than 20 rayons in five oblasts of the republic, Surkhan-Dar'inskaya, Kashka-Dar'inskaya, Namanganskaya, Samar kandskaya, and Ferganskaya oblasts, sowed cotton in excess of the state plan. As of 25 April, six of these rayons had sown about 3,100 hectares in excess of plan; the others had each sown a considerable area above plan. Sovkhozoes of the republic had sown about 3,000 hectares above plan as of this date.(29)

Turkmen SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Apr(30)</u>	<u>17 Apr(31)</u>	<u>18 Apr(32)</u>	<u>20 Apr(33)</u>	<u>22 Apr(34)</u>
Ashkhabadskaya	63.9	75.5	79.9	89.4	98.3
Chardzhouskaya	58.1	63.1	67.2	76.4	86.4
Maryyskaya	81.3	90.4	93.6	97.6	99.4
Tashauzskaya	25.5	32.7	36.3	43.5	50.6
	<u>23 Apr(35)</u>	<u>24 Apr(36)</u>	<u>27 Apr(37)</u>	<u>28 Apr(38)</u>	<u>29 Apr(39)</u>
Ashkhabadskaya	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chardzhouskaya	90.4	93.5	99.1	99.5	99.6
Maryyskaya	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Tashauzskaya	54.2	58.0	64.8	67.3	69.5

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In 1952, the area sown to cotton in the republic increased by 54 percent, as compared with 1945; during this period, the yield more than doubled. In 1951, 37 percent of the cotton-growing kolkhozes of the republic obtained a yield of more than 20 quintals per hectare.(36)

Tadzhik SSR

Kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the republic finished sowing cotton on 22 April. Sowing was carried out in an especially organized manner in the Gissar Valley, where sowing was completed sooner than in the Vakhsh Valley.(40)

The following table shows final published percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the republic, as of 21 April (41):

<u>Rayon</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>	<u>Rayon</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Mikoyanabadskiy	100.0	Regarskiy	100.0
Molotovabadskiy	100.0	Gissarskiy	97.0
Shaartuzskiy	100.0	Parkharskiy	95.4
Voroshilovabadskiy	100.0	Ordzhonikidzeabadskiy	94.4
Ashtskiy	100.0	Pakhtabadskiy	92.7
Kanibadamskiy	100.0	Kirovabadskiy	89.0
Moskovskiy	100.0	Kuybyshevskiy	84.1
Dangarinskiy	100.0	Kolkhozabadskiy	70.1
Shurabadskiy	100.0	Kzyl-Mazarskiy	65.9
Isfarinskiy	100.0	Kulyabskiy	62.3
Oktyabr'skiy	100.0	Kangurtskiy	60.0
Leninabadskiy	100.0	Payzabadskiy	--
Kaganovichabadskiy	100.0		
Dzhilikul'skiy	100.0	<u>Sovkhozes</u>	
Kurgan-Tyubinskiy	100.0	Kafirnigan	100.0
Stalinabadskiy	100.0	Imeni Kuybyshev	100.0
Proletarskiy	100.0	Stalinabadskiy	100.0
Naukskiy	100.0	Imeni Kirov	95.0
Kortashskiy	100.0	Miten-Tugay	80.0
Rakhmatinskiy	100.0		
Shakhrinauskiy	100.0		

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for spring field work in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 15 April (42):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Sowing</u>			<u>Harrowing</u>	
	<u>All Spring Crops</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Perennial Grasses without Cover Crop</u>	<u>Winter Crops</u>	<u>Perennial Grasses</u>
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	42.8	41.2	42.0	61.8	63.0
Frunzenskaya	62.2	1.1	9.0	46.1	30.5
Issyk-Kul'skaya	22.4	--	32.0	48.9	66.9
Oshskaya	46.6	42.1	42.6	33.9	42.9
Talasskaya	61.1	--	31.2	45.5	50.0
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	4.6	--	--	--	--

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